"YOU KNOW ME, AL"—By Ring Lardner

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WELL, JACK, CAN YOU BEAT 'EM?
I'LL MAKE 'EM LOOK LIKE A MONKEY
TERRE HAUTE
SCORE BOARD
TERRE HAUTE 0 0 0 0
DANVILLE 0 0 0 6
But no one can talk like that to me Al and the next time I see him I will bust his jaw
WRITING ROOM
GO TO BED, YOU BIG BUM!
I WAS JUST GOIN'
But no one can talk like that to me Al
Johnstone

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LOOK AT THAT DAME, JOE. SHE'S TRYIN' TO MAKE ME
STRIKE THREE!
PLAYERS ENTRANCE
WELL, JOE, DEAR. IT'S CERTAINLY GRAND TO SEE YOU AGAIN

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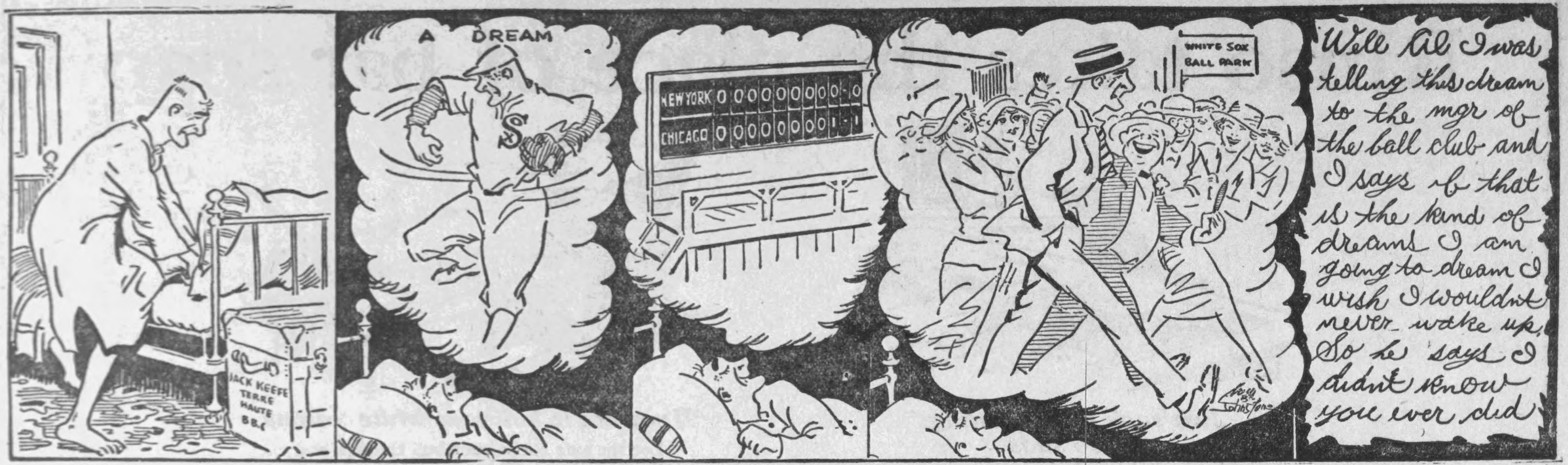
JACK KEEFE
TERRE
HAUTE
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A DREAM
NEW YORK 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0
CHICAGO 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 - 1
WHITE SOX
BALL PARK
Johnston
Well Al I was telling this dream to the mgr of the ball club and I says to that is the kind of dreams I am going to dream I wish I wouldnt never wake up. So he says I didnt know you ever did

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THEY'S A SCOUT FROM THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX IN THE STAND
MAYBE HE'S HERE TO LOOK AT SOME BALL PLAYER
WHY, NO - I S'POSE HE'S OUT OYSTER HUNTIN'
HE WOULDN'T GO TO A BALL PARK TO HUNT OYSTERS!
NO- I MEANT CRABS
SCORE BOARD
EVANSVILLE 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0
TERRE HAUTE 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 x - 3
But they cant kid me Al he was not here looking for no oysters or crabs neither one, he was here looking for a pitcher and I guess he seen 1 hey Al

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WELL, BOY, DID YOU KNOW THEY WAS A WHITE SOX SCOUT IN THE STAND YESTERDAY?
VEH, I SEEN HIM
HE WAS STEWED AND SLEPT ALL THROUGH THE GAME
YEH, I COULD SEE HE WAS STEWED
I'VE BEEN SOLD TO THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX!
YES, THEIR SCOUT SAID HE WAS GOIN' TO RECOMMEND YOU- THAT'S HOW I KNOWED HE WAS DRUNK
But you can see he wuz not drunk Al and they got no right to say he wuz drunk and if I ever seen a man wide a wake and sober it wuz this here scout

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DID YOU KNOW I HAD BEEN BOUGHTEN BY THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX?
I HEARD SO
TERRE HAUTE
WASN'T YOU WITH THEM ONCET?
YEAH
I S'POSE CHICAGO'S A GREAT BIG TOWN
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED
HOW DID YOU LIKE IT?
I NEVER SEEN IT - WE TRAINED IN TEXAS THAT YEAR
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SAY, CHARLEY, YOU BEEN IN CHICAGO, AINT YOU?
LOTS OF TIMES
DOES IT COST MUCH TO LIVE THERE?
DEPENDS ON WHO YOU ARE
EVANSVILLE
WELL, HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST A MAN LIKE I?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOIN' TO STAY?
I'M GOIN' TO BE WITH THE WHITE SOX
OH, ABOUT TWENTY ONE DOLLARS OUGHT TO SEE YOU THROUGH
Will B Johnstone
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WELL, THIS WINDS UP THE SEASON
YEAH, AND IT'S MY LAST GAME WITH A MINOR LEAGUE BALL CLUB
YOU AIN'T GOIN' TO QUIT THE GAME, ARE YOU?
NO, BUT I'LL BE WITH THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX IN THE SPRING
YES, I KNOW, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOIN' TO DO WITH YOUR SUMMERS?
All these smart Alex thinks they are kidding me Al but in realty the shoes is on ther ft not mine

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I THINK I'LL TAKE A RUN UP TO CHICAGO
WHAT FOR?
COMISKEY MIGHT MAYBE WANT TO SEE ME
IF HE WANTS TO SEE YOU, HE'LL LET YOU KNOW- HE AIN'T SHY
BUT I WANT TO FIX UP ABOUT MY CONTRACT-I'M GOIN' TO DEMAND $5000 PER ANNUMS
AND BE SURE AND INSIST ON A TAXI
WHAT FOR?
WHY, YOU CERTAINLY AIN'T GOIN' TO WALK CLEAR TO THE BENCH AND BACK EVERY INNIN'S
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Well Al here I am in old Chi but aint been Comiskey yet as have been to busy having my fling as they say
FETCH ME A BIG STEAK
PORTERHOUSE, SIRLOIN, TENDERLOIN?
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WELL, WHAT'S THE PRICES?
THE SMALL SIRLOIN IS $1.75
AW, THAT TAKES TOO LONG! FETCH ME A SWISS ON RYE
RESTAURANT
T-BONE STEAK 25¢
SAUSAGE AND WHEAT CAKES 30¢
CALVES & LIVER BACON 20¢
Z. SAINOPOLIS - PROP.

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CIGARS
MAGAZINES
JUST OUT
WELL!
WELL, GIRLIE, WHEN ARE YOU THROUGH?
RIGHT NOW, AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED!
Bill Johnstone
Post Card
THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES
the cigar girl here in the hotel is pretty about me but I am not interested all and I thing at a time is my bloom
Jack
Mr Al Blanchard
Bedford
Ind

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MR. COMISKEY. I'M JACK KEEFE!
YES?
I'M THE PITCHER YOU BOUGHT FROM TERRE HAUTE
YES?
I COME TO SEE YOU ABOUT A CONTRACT
YES?
WELL, MR. COMISKEY. I WILL SIGN UP FOR $5000 A YEAR!
I NEVER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANYBODY, MR. KEEFE- COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE SOBER!

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

I'M SORRY, MR. COMISKEY, BUT $5000 IS THE LEAST I CAN SIGN FOR
WELL, MR. KEEFE, I LIKE YOUR LOOKS AND I'LL GIVE YOU $ 5000
I KNOWED YOU'D COME ACROST
BUT IF YOU GOT IT ALL IN ONE YEAR, THE INCOME TAX WOULD RUIN YOU
SO YOU SIGN UP FOR 1923 AND 1924 AND I'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF IT EACH YEAR
So you see Al I got what I demanded only I have signed up for 2 yrs instead of 1 yr and the govt is the one that gets the worst of it

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

Well Al I have made up my mind to stay here in Chi all winter as I have got over $300.00 saved up and why should I fool a round a hick town like Bedford
FURNISHED ROOM TO RENT
10-11
FURNISHED ROOM TO RENT
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IS THEY A ROOM TO RENT HERE?
FURNISHED ROOM TO RENT
NO-MY MOTHER PUT UP THAT SIGN BECAUSE SHE LIKES TO HEAR THE BELL RING
FURNISHED ROOM TO RENT

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

DO YOU LIVE HERE IN CHICAGO?
WELL, I'M GOIN' TO— I'M JACK KEEFE, THE NEW WHITE SOX PITCHER
I GET EIGHT DOLLARS FOR THIS ROOM, BUT THE BATH ROOM IS RIGHT NEXT TO IT
WELL, I WONT USE THE BATH MUCH AS THE BALL CLUB HAS GOT SHOWER BATHS IN THE CLUB HOUSE
BUT THIS IS OCTOBER AND YOU WONT BE PLAYING BALL AGAIN UNTIL APRIL.
YES MA'AM, BUT I DON'T DO NOTHIN' TO GET DIRTY IN WINTER
10-12
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Johnston

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EIGHT DOLLARS IS THE LOWEST I CAN RENT THIS ROOM FOR
10-13
WELL I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO LOOK SOMEWHERES ELSE
THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, JULIE, MR- MR--
WELL, EIGHT DOLLARS AINT MUCH IF THE LOCATION IS O.K.

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

WILL YOU MOVE IN RIGHT AWAY?
YES MA'AM, THE SOONER THE BETTER
WELL, MR. KEEFE, DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING TO LIKE US?
WHO'S "US"?
WHY, MOTHER AND I
WELL, I AINT PAYING NO EIGHT DOLLARS A WEEK TO BE NEAR YOUR MOTHER
10-14
Johnson

"YOU KNOW ME AL"—By Ring Lardner

I WILL HAVE TO SEND DOWN TO INDIANA FOR MY TRUNK
SO YOU'RE A HOOSIER
YES'M I LIVE IN BEDFORD, BUT I PITCHED FOR TERRE HAUTE
10-16
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INDIANA! WELL, SOME BIG MEN HAVE COME FROM INDIANA—
- BOOTH TARKINGTON, GEORGE ADE—
YES, AND THEY COULDN'T OF GOT A FOUL OFF ME, NEITHER ONE O' THEM!

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

TOMMY, THIS IS MR. KEEFE-HE'S GOING TO TAKE THE ROOM
MR. KEEFE IS A BALL PLAYER
WHAT TEAM ARE YOU WITH?
THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX
10-17
WON'T IT BE EXCITING TO HAVE A REAL CELEBRITY IN THE HOUSE?
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WHO'S COMING?

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

WHAT DO YOU DO IN THE WINTER, WHEN YOU AREN'T PLAYING BALL?
WELL, I USED TO WORK IN THE MILL DOWN HOME
10-18
BUT I WON'T HAVE TO WORK THIS WINTER - I'VE GOT SOME DOUGH SAVED UP
HOW MUCH DOUGH HAVE YOU GOT?
I'VE GOT OVER $300 SO I CAN DO JUST WHAT I FEEL LIKE
THAT IS IF YOU FEEL LIKE EATING BIRD SEED ALL WINTER

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"—By Ring Lardner

DOES YOUR SISTER GO TO SCHOOL?
GOSH, NO! SHE'S TOO OLD! SHE'S NEAR TWENTY
SHE'S A MANICURE IN THE GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL
GUYS MAKE LOVE TO HER WHILE SHE PARES THEIR NAILS
THAT AIN'T NO JOB FOR A GAL
BET SHE MAKES MORE AT IT THAN YOU COULD
10-19

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

DO YOU GO TO THE BALL GAMES?
10-20
I NEVER DID, BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO NOW
WHY WILL YOU?
BECAUSE MR. KEEFE IS A BALL PLAYER
DOES MR. KEEFE HAVE TO HANG AROUND BARBER SHOPS ALL DAY BECAUSE YOU'RE A MANICURE?

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

10-21
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY'S A GOOD RESTAURANT AROUND HERE?
THE BLUE BIRD'S O.K. - IT'S ON THE CORNER OF INDIANA AVENUE
DO THEY SERVE MEALS THERE?
WHAT DO THEY GENERALLY SERVE IN RESTAURANTS? TENNIS BALLS?

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"—By Ring Lardner

But I hate restaurants Al as they always bobe you and it aint no good any way and I wished I could get my meals here in the house but I suppose they would charge to much
WHY, YES, I COULD GIVE YOU BREAKFAST AND SUPPER, BUT I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH TO CHARGE
10-23
WELL, IT SHOULDN'T OUGHT TO BE MUCH AS I AM A LIGHT EATER
SUPPOSE WE TRY IT FOR A WEEK AND DECIDE ON THE PRICE AFTERWARDS
So this wk I am pertending like I am a light eater and every thing they pass me I say no thanks I am full up

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

WELL, MR. KEEFE, YOU ARE A LIGHT EATER- I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU THE ROOM AND BREAKFAST AND SUPPER FOR $18 A WEEK
10-24
I THOUGHT ON ACCOUNT OF YOU BEING AN ATHLETE YOU WOULD EAT A WHOLE LOT- BUT YOU NEVER TAKE A SECOND HELPING
NO, MA'AM
SO IT'S ALL SET, IS IT? I PAY YOU $18 A WEEK AND YOU FURNISH ME BREAKFAST AND SUPPER
YES!
SAY, THAT'S YOUR FOURTH ENCORE ON THOSE BEANS
I'M JUST GETTIN SO'S I CAN STOMACH YOUR MA'S COOKING!

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

The gal where I am living has got a cousin visiting her from Columbus Kinda pretty but nutty
DON'T YOU DANCE, MR. KEEFE?
10-25
COME ON, TRY IT
I'M NOT VERY GOOD I'M AFRAID
YOUR FEARS WAS WELL GROUNDED!

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WHY DID YOU TWO STOP DANCING?
10-26
I KNOW WHEN I'VE HAD ENOUGH
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SHE WAS WILD I SHOULD DANCE WITH HER
NOW SHE SAYS I STEPPED ON HER FOOT!
STEPPED ON IT! HE LEASED IT

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

WELL, MR. KEEFE DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ENTERTAIN GRACIE WHILE I'M DOWNTOWN?
I CAN TRY
10-27
SO THE NEXT DAY I BEAT DANVILLE 2 AND O
I MADE A MONKEY OUT OF PEORIA
WELL, DID YOU SHOW GRACIE A GOOD TIME?
I WAS TELLING HER HOW WE WIN THE PENNANT LAST SEASON
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YES, BUT I'M AFRAID I SLEPT THROUGH AUGUST AND PART OF SEPTEMBER

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

WELL WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MR. KEEFE?
HE'S NOT WHAT I CALL A LAVISH SPENDER
I DONT THINK HE'S GOT MUCH MONEY- NOT NOW ANYWAY
NOT NOW! WHY, WHATEVER HE HAD HE'S GOT
I heard the 2 fols disgusting me on the porch but could not catch what they said but probly something mushy as they both act nuts over me
10-28

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I am going to try and get a hold of some kind of a job to keep me in spending money during the winter maybe with some insurance Co. like Ray Schalk
I WANT TO SEE THE MANAGER ABOUT GETTING A JOB
SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO
10-30
HE'S BUSY RIGHT NOW
TELL HIM I'M JACK KEEFE, THE NEW WHITE SOX PITCHER
THE MANAGER SAYS OUR COMPANY DON'T NEED A NEW PITCHER

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

I have wrote to the mgr of the Insurance Co. and told him who I really am and I would be down to see him to morrow at 10 A. M. in regards to a job
WELL, HERE I AM, RIGHT ON THE DOT
10-31
THE MANAGER AIN'T IN - HE'S GONE FOR THE DAY
SECURITY INSURANCE
DIDN'T HE GET MY LETTER?
SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE
LOOKS LIKE HE MUST OF

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

This insurance guy has been trying to stall me off but I will certainly cramp on his trale
I'M SORRY MR. KEEFE, BUT WE DON'T ENGAGE AGENTS WHO HAVEN'T HAD EXPERIENCE
SOME COMPANY HIRED RAY SCHALK AND HE DIDN'T HAVE NO EXPERIENCE
YES, I KNOW— BUT MR. SCHALK HAS A BIG ACQUAINTANCE
WHAT WAS HIS NAME?
Will B Johnstone

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"—By Ring Lardner

WELL, HE GIVE ME A JOB SELLING ACCIDENT INSURANCE
THAT'S FINE!
BUT LISTEN, KID, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, ACCIDENT INSURANCE?
WHY IF YOU SELL ANY INSURANCE, IT WILL BE AN ACCIDENT
So the mgr has made a date for me to meet 1 of there regular agents who is suppose to learn me the business. a fat chance

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

YES, I'VE BEEN SELLING INSURANCE FOR THIS COMPANY FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS
L-I L-
11-3
THE BOSS THOUGHT YOU MIGHT TIP ME OFF, HOW TO GET STARTED
WELL, I'D GO UP TO SOME GUY THAT LOOKED LIKE HE HADN'T SAVED ANYTHING, AND ASK HIM WHAT WOULD HIS WIFE DO IF HE DIED TONIGHT
HELLO, PALLY
HELLO
WHAT WOULD YOUR WIFE DO IF YOU DIED TONIGHT?
SHE WOULD GIVE THREE CHEERS!

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---By Ring Lardner

The mgr of the Cubs says that the way to make a bubble of the ins. game is to stay on the job all the while and talk ins. to who ever I am with them
THESE CARS IS CERTAINLY JAMMED THIS TIME OF DAY
LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS CONDITIONS WAS LOOKING UP
COULD I INTEREST YOU IN ACCIDENT INSURANCE?
NO, OR NOTHING ELSE!
I would of fixed him so as his family would certainly of needed some kind of ins. only I did not want to make no been

YOU KNOW ME, AL—A Big League Scout Should Have Seen Him—WORDS BY RING W. LARDNER

The people where I am staying has took another border a smart Alex name Harris but if he gets smart with me I will Harris him one in the jaw
YOU TWO OUGHT TO BE GREAT FRIENDS AS YOU ARE BOTH ATHLETES
11-6
MR. HARRIS USED TO BE A STAR FOOT BALL PLAYER
WHERE AT?
I WAS ON ILLINOIS VARSITY FOR THREE YEARS
IF YOU WAS SO GOOD WHY DIDN'T SOMEBODY GRAB YOU?

YOU KNOW ME, AL---To Jack Every Knock Is a Boost---Words by Ring W. Lardner

I DON'T UNDERSTAND BASE BALL VERY WELL BUT I JUST LOVE FOOT BALL
11-7
I NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE, BUT I HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT IT
IT'S JUST A HICK GAME!
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YOU'D HAVE PROBABLY BEEN A STAR
Even a bub like Harris can't help from seeing that I am a born athalete

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---Looks as If the White Sox Will Lose a Phenom---Words by Ring W. Lardner

WHAT DO YOU DO TO KEEP IN SHAPE WHEN YOU'RE NOT PLAYING BALL?
ME? I DON'T NEED TO DO NOTHIN'- I'M ALWAYS IN SHAPE
I'M GOING TO TRY AND GET WITH ONE OF THESE GOOD PRO FOOT BALL TEAMS, JUST TO KEEP FIT
OH, I WISH YOU WOULD, MR. HARRIS! I'D GO TO EVERY GAME
Well all its a baby game but I need a little xperience so I might maybe join some team if they make it worth my wile

"YOU KNOW ME, AL"---Maybe the Willy Boys Can't Meet His Terms---Words by Ring W. Lardner

WHAT IS THE BEST FOOT BALL TEAM AROUND HERE?
WHY, CHICAGO, I GUESS
11-9
YES, I KNOW, BUT THEY MUST BE MORE THAN ONE CHICAGO TEAM
SURE, BUT THE BEST ONE IS JUST CALLED CHICAGO
WHERE DO THEY PLAY?
WHY OUT AT THE UNIVERSITY, FIFTY-SEVENTH AND ELLIS
SMOKE
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So it looks like the college willy boys has got the best team around here and I am going out to see there mgr. and will sign up with them if

YOU KNOW ME, AL---The Secret of Secret Practice Is Out---Words by Ring W. Lardner

I WANT TO SEE THE MANAGER OF THE FOOT BALL TEAM
STAGG FIELD NO ADMITTANCE
WHAT ABOUT?
WISCONSIN VS CHICAGO NOV
11-10
I WANT TO SEE HIM ABOUT GETTING ON THE TEAM
OH, YOU WANT TO SEE COACH STAGG, BUT YOU CAN'T SEE HIM RIGHT NOW
WHY NOT?
WHY, HE'S HOLDING PRACTICE
WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRACTICE
YOU CAN'T, IT'S SECRET
Hill & Sidney
How is that for a fine bunch of Alibi Ikes to keep a secret when they have practice so as when they get beat they can claim they dident have no practice
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YOU KNOW ME, AL---He Pitched on the Terre Haute Eleven---Words By Ring W. Lardner

Well they wouldent leave me in to see there practice but the man says the best time to see Mgr. Stagg is in the a. m. at his office
ARE YOU THE MANAGER OF THE FOOT BALL TEAM?
WELL, I'M MR. STAGG, THE COACH
11-11
I'M JACK KEEFE-I WANT TO SEE ABOUT GETTING ON THE TEAM
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WHAT YEAR ARE YOU MR. KEEFE?
WELL, THIS WILL BE MY FIRST YEAR IN CHI. BUT I WAS WITH TERRE HAUTE ALL LAST SEASON
!!!

YOU KNOW ME, AL---That Was the Smallest Item of All---Words by Ring W. Lardner

WELL, MR KEEFE, YOU'RE LEAVING US MONDAY!
YES, GLEASON IS SENDING THE PITCHERS AHEAD OF THE REST OF THE CLUB
2-24
DO YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR ROOM?
WHY, YES IF I CAN
WELL, YOU CAN FOR EIGHT DOLLARS A WEEK
BUT YOU OUGHT TO TAKE SOMETHING OFF!
I WONT BE USING NO HOT WATER OR SOAP OR TOWELS
?
WHEN DID YOU?

YOU KNOW ME, AL---Such Is Fame!---Words by Ring W. Lardner

Only got time for a line Al as must get my bagage ready as we are leaveing tonight for Marlin, Tex. Comiskey is sending the pitchers and catchers ahead of the rest of the club so as we can get in shape for the spring serious with the N. Y. giants and they are sending Ray Schalk the catcher in charge of us and he says to all be at the station a ½ hr. ahead of time but I aint going to be there till the last minute as they will be a big crowd of fans to see us off and I aint the kind that is looking for the line light. You know me Al.
JACK KEEFE.
2-26
WHERE'S THE WHITE SOX TRAIN ?
YOU'RE AN HOUR EARLY
I'M JACK KEEFE
ALL RIGHT, JUST STICK AROUND
WHEN THE BALL PLAYERS SHOWS UP, I'LL TIP YOU OFF
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'YOU KNOW ME, AL'

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By Ring Lardner

SUNNY SOUTH LIMITED
Well Al I am writeing this on the board of the train bound for sunny Texas. Thçys 9 of us in the party includeing 7 pitchers and 2 catchers which one of them is Ray Schalk and he ast me would I eat with him in the dinning car this noon. So it looks like as if Comiskey had tipped him off to kind of cuddle up to me as I am there star recrute you might say.
JACK KEEFE.
WELL, BIG FELLA, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF ?
OH, NOTHING, ONLY I'D LIKE TO PITCH ALL THEM GAMES AGAINST THE GIANTS
WELL, I WOULDNT BE SURPRISED IF GLEASON WOULD LET YOU
THESE SPRING GAMES DONT COUNT

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Might As Well Begin Practice.

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Well Al here I am in sunny Texas and we are going to have our 1st. work out this P. M. I am rooming with Bill Lane that pitched in the westren league last yr. He is a good fellow but always trying to kid somebody but he will get fat trying to kid me. Like for inst. this A. M. he said he was going to lern me how to pitch so I says yes and I suppose when you get through doing that you will give swimming lessons to a fish. He could not help from laughing.
JACK KEEFE.
2-28
WELL, BILL, I'VE DID ENOUGH THROWING FOR THE FIRST DAY
I THINK I'LL GO IN AND SET ON THE BENCH
YES, YOU BETTER GET USED TO IT
THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL SPEND THE SUMMER

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You'd Think They'd Drop Dead at the Plate

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Well Al I had breakfast this A. M. with Ray Schalk the catcher and he is in charge of the squad till the rest of the club gets here and he says he wants to give me his personal tension this P. M. and see what I know about pitching. It seems like he is more interested in my work then any of the other recrutes and I would not be supprised if they was depending on me to pitch most of the spring games vs. the N. Y. giants. Well Al all as I ask is a chance to show what I got and will make a sucker out of the giants or who ever they start me vs. JACK KEEPE.
3-1
PRETEND THERE'S A MAN ON FIRST BASE - I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU THROW OVER THERE
I DON'T NEVER THROW OVER THERE —
I JUST LOOK OVER THERE ONCE IN AWHILE — THAT SCARES HIM —
I GUESS IT WOULD

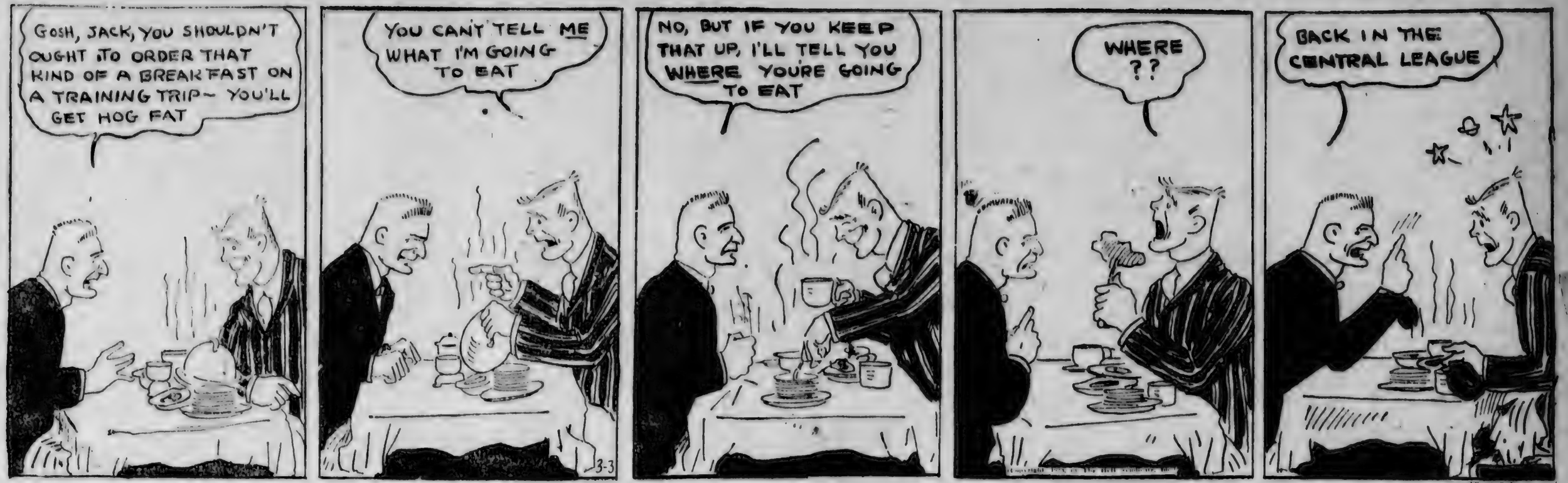
YOU KNOW ME, AL---Better a Broken Arm Than a Battle With Gleason---Words by Ring W. Lardner

Schalk says last night that part of the practice today would be slideing practice but he aint going to get me in no slideing practice as in the 1st. place I can slide O. K. without no practice and in the 2d. place suppose I should break my pitching arm then where would I be at and the ball club too?

JACK KEEFE.

3-2

"YOU KNOW ME, AL" Jack May Eat His Way Out of Fast Com pany Words by Ring Lardner


GOSH, JACK, YOU SHOULDN'T OUGHT TO ORDER THAT KIND OF A BREAKFAST ON A TRAINING TRIP— YOU'LL GET HOG FAT
YOU CAN'T TELL ME WHAT I'M GOING TO EAT
3-3
NO, BUT IF YOU KEEP THAT UP, I'LL TELL YOU WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO EAT
WHERE ??
BACK IN THE CENTRAL LEAGUE

YOU KNOW ME AL

Jack Shows How to Get to First

—Words by RING W. LARDNER

Well Al what do you think? One of the baseball writers from Chi that is here in Marlin with us wants I should write a 100 wds. a day in regards to what we are doing and etc. and he says his paper will pay me $20.00 per wk. for same. That is just like fining money as writeing comes as easy to me as pitching and I can turn off a 100 wds. like Jack Robinson. So after this Al you look in the paper every day and you will see what Jack Keefe has got to say about the old White Sox. Today we are going to have a little batting practice and maybe I will show Schalk that I can do something besides pitch.

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YOU KNOW ME AL

He's a Whiz in the Dining Room League

By RING W. LARDNER

BY JACK KEEFE

Recruit White Sox Pitcher

Marlin, Tex., March 5—Well freinds the editor of this paper has sut me to wire a 100 wd. telegram evry night in regards to what the White Sox boys is doing on there training trip. As no doubt the fans knows by this time I am one of Comiskeys young pitchers boughten last yr. from Terre Haute where I practially won the penant single handed you might say but will try a id not talk about myself but will give the other boys a square deal. So far only 1 or 2 of the young pitchers looks like they had a chance. So far Ray Schalk the catcher has been in charge of us but tomorrow Mgr. Gleason himself will be here and wile Schalk has did fairly good as a mgr. still one in all will be glad to see Mgr. Gleason who we call the kid on acct. of always trying to kid somebody. More tomorrow.

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HELLO— MR GLEASON
HELLO, YOU BIG HICK
3-6
SCHALK WAS TELLIN' ME THAT A LOT OF THE BOYS WAS DISCOURAGED AND THREATENIN' TO QUIT ON ACCOUNT OF YOU
WHO? THE PITCHERS?
NO— THE WAITERS IN THE HOTEL

YOU KNOW ME AL

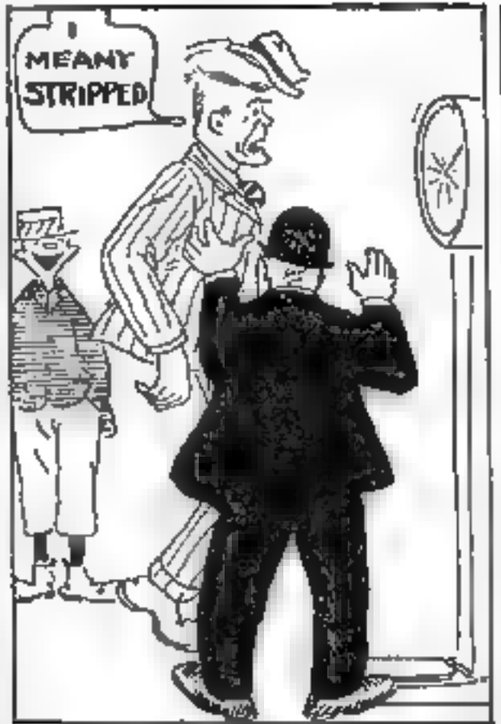
This Isn't the South Sea League

By RING W. LARDN

BY JACK KEEFE

Recruit White Sox Pitcher

Marlin, Tex., March 6.—Mgr. Kid Gleason has arrived on the seen and has took charge of the boys and soon we will know who is who and a man cant help from feeling sorry for some of the boys that is suppose to be pitchers but the scout that recommended them was either there brother in law or else X eyed. Personly the Kid seems to of took a fancy to yrs. truly and always hanging a round me and we have a great time kidding each other back and 4th. The White Sox mgr. is a great kidder but when the 2 of us gets together it is like greek meeting another greek.



YOU KNOW ME AL

BY JACK KEEFE

Recruit White Sox Pitcher.

Marlin, Tex., March 7—Only 2 more days and the White Sox pitchers and catchers will brake camp here and move over to Seguin where we will join the rest of the squad and get ready for the big serious with the N. Y. giants. Needles to say Mgr. Gleason is anxious to beat the giants and I suppose the fans of Chi feels the same way and can assure them that when I face McGraw's men I will do my best which I often say that is the best any man can do though you take some of the other young pitchers on the squad and even when they are doing there best you would think the game of baseball was a big supprise to them.

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Plenty of Time to Run Around the Park

By RING W. LARDNER

GLEASON SAYS EVERYBODY MUST RUN AROUND THE PARK FOR THEIR WIND
WHAT'S THE IDEA? I SAID YOU MUST RUN AROUND THE PARK THREE TIMES - AND YOU'VE ONLY DONE IT ONCE
BUT WE'RE GOIN' TO BE HERE TWO MORE DAYS!

YOU KNOW ME AL

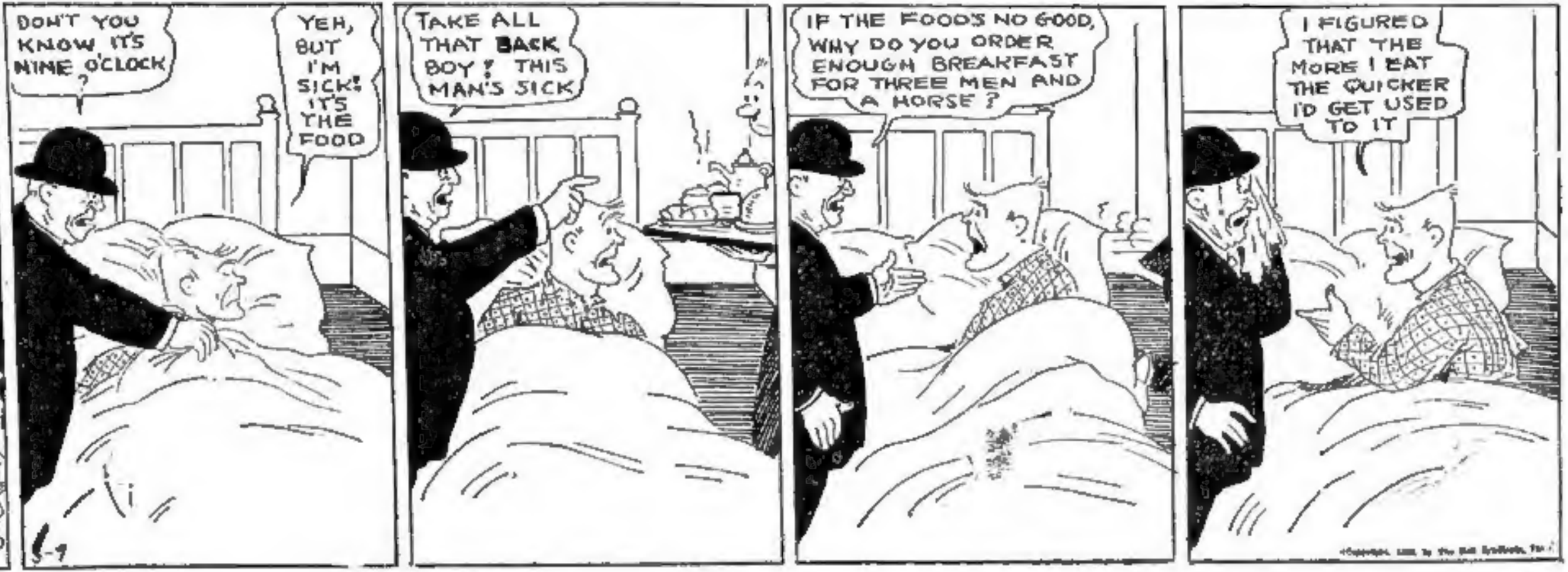
Jack's Willing to Be a Martyr

By RING W. LARDNER

BY JACK KEEFE

Recruit White Sox Pitcher

Marlin, Tex., March 8—The boys is getting packed up to leave here in rout for Seguin where we will join the rest of the boys. Tomorrow A.M. is our last day in Marlin and Mgr. Gleason says he won't ask none of we pitchers to do any more throwing for the fear we might strane our arm as he wants us to all be in shape to give the regulars plenty of batting practice next wk. How ever he has ast everybody to report at the ball pk. tomorrow and run around the pk. to strenthen there wind. Personly my wind is O.K. and am in shape right now to go the full rout but from what I seen of some of the other recrutes they better strenthen there wind as they will soon half to walk back to the different leagues they come from.


DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NINE O'CLOCK?
YEH, BUT I'M SICK! IT'S THE FOOD
TAKE ALL THAT BACK BOY! THIS MAN'S SICK
IF THE FOOD'S NO GOOD, WHY DO YOU ORDER ENOUGH BREAKFAST FOR THREE MEN AND A HORSE?
I FIGURED THAT THE MORE I EAT THE QUICKER I'D GET USED TO IT

YOU KNOW ME AL

Jack Sends Himself Along With the Lady

By RING W. LARDN

ARE YOU BOYS MEMBERS OF SOME FOOTBALL NINE?
NO, MA'AM. WE'RE THE PITCHERS AND CATCHERS OF THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX
3-10
ARE YOU ONE OF THE STARS?
WELL!
THIS IS BILL LANE, A RECRUIT FROM THE WESTERN LEAGUE.
EXCUSE ME BUTTING IN, BUT, GLEASON WANTS YOU TO COME IN THE DRAWIN'-ROOM AND HELP HIM ON WITH HIS SHOES

BY JACK KEEFE

Recruit White Sox Pitcher

Seguin, Tex., March 9—Well friends here we are at Seguin and the rest of the boys was here to meet us and I suppose the fans in old Chi will want to know if any of we young pitchers showed up good enough at Marlin so as to win a place on Mgr. Gleason's staff. Well some of the boys showed they had the stuff wile others won't never do and wile I won't mention no names, why it looks to me like they was 1 young pitcher who Gleason will soon ship him back to the western league where he belongs and how any big league scout ever seen fit to recomend a man like him is a misery to me.

YOU KNOW ME AL

Home Plate Is a Safety Zone

By RING W. LARDNER

BY JACK KEEFE

Recruit White Sox Pitcher

Seguin, Tex., March 11—The entire squad got together for the 1st time today and some of we young pitchars throwed to the batters to give them practice and I wished you could of seen some of the old timers pop there eyes out when I cut loose with my fast ball. I was a triffle wild but will get over that with more work. Tomorrow we are going to play a real game with the regulars vs. the yanigans and Mgr. Gleason has ast me to pitch the 1st 3 innings vs. the regulars and if I am right they wont get a foul.